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## Man and boy shot in Karachi

KARACHI, March 23 (R). — A man and a young boy were shot dead today for breaking a curfew in strife-torn Karachi, reliable sources said. Meanwhile, Karachi lawyers and advocates today began a two-day boycott of the courts in protest at what they claim was rigging of the elections. The Karachi Bar Association endorsed demands of the defeated nine-party Pakistan National Alliance (PNA) that Mr. Bhutto should step down to allow a caretaker government to conduct fresh polls under army and judicial supervision. The PNA called a country-wide general strike for Saturday at an emergency meeting of the PNA General Council in Lahore late last night.

## Carter urges direct elections

WASHINGTON, March 22 (R). — President Carter today proposed a constitutional amendment calling for the direct popular election of U.S. presidents and abolition of the Electoral College. Mr. Carter, in a special message to Congress, also recommended revisions in voter registration and campaign financing laws to encourage more Americans to go to the polls. Abolition of the Electoral College would end the possibility that a presidential candidate could lose the election even though he won a majority of the popular vote nationally, Mr. Carter said. This has happened three times since 1824. The Electoral College has 538 members plus three from the District of Columbia.

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## Spanish King, Queen arrive here today

AMMAN, March 22 (Agencies). — Spanish King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia arrived in Amman today on a three-day visit to Jordan. King Hussein and his chief aides will be at the airport to greet the Spanish monarch and his party. Arches of triumph have been erected, Spanish and Jordanian flags hoisted and the pictures of both monarchs raised. Plaques of welcome hang across the main streets. Scores of policemen will line the eight-km route from the airport to the centre of Amman. King Hussein will accompany his King Juan Carlos on a visit to a Jordanian airbase. Queen Sofia will pay a visit to Al Hussein Medical City and Haya Cultural Centre.

Wednesday night King Hussein gave a dinner party and on Thursday the two leaders leave for Amman to continue their talks. On Friday night King Juan Carlos will be host at a dinner party and will leave for home on Saturday morning.

Jordanian-Spanish friendship dates back to the time of the late King Abdallah, the founder of Jordan. Jordan and Spain signed a friendship treaty in 1951, a cultural cooperation agreement, an aviation accord, as well as an agreement for cooperation between the television networks in the two countries.

In 1961 Jordanian students began to go to Spain to pursue their higher studies at Spanish universities, where a total of 3000 Jordanians are presently enrolled. Last year King Hussein visited Spain.

## Chamoun, Gemayel press for Junblatt's killers be brought to justice

BEIRUT, March 22 (AFP). — Chamoun and Pierre Gemayel, respective leaders of the Liberal and Phalangist parties, met here today to discuss the situation in the Lebanon since the murder last week of the leader Kamal Junblatt and the violent incidents followed the killing.

At the end of the meeting of the two parties, Mr. Chamoun told reporters: "If the law is applied, the population will be reassured and we will avoid incidents."

Mr. Gemayel, on his side, had "no objection" to the decision of the "Junblatt" before the high court, Mr. Chamoun said. "I hope that the decision will be implemented. Those who must be arrested as soon as possible."

Mr. Gemayel had been allowing the "massacres" in eastern Lebanon in re-echoing the Junblatt killing, he did not know how many persons had been killed.

Phalangist Party newspaper Al Amal reported that the two leaders had met in Beirut on his side, had "no objection" to the decision of the "Junblatt" before the high court, Mr. Chamoun said. "I hope that the decision will be implemented. Those who must be arrested as soon as possible."

## Podgorny arrives in Tanzania, starting major diplomatic offensive

DAR ES SALAAM, March 22 (R). — Soviet President Nicolai Podgorny arrived in Tanzania today on the first stage of a major Soviet diplomatic offensive in Southern Africa.

Mr. Podgorny, heading a 120-man delegation, flew into Kilimanjaro airport in Northern Tanzania, close to the border with Kenya, where he was met by Tanzanian Vice President Aboud Jumbe. He is the first senior Kremlin leader to visit Southern Africa, and will spend four days in Tanzania. He has no official engagements tonight and will rest in the town of Arusha before flying tomorrow to Dar Es Salaam where he will be officially welcomed by President Julius Nyerere.



VICTORY AT THE POLLS -- Victorious Janata Party leader Morarji Desai (r), his son Kasturba Desai and a Janata candidate who defeated incumbent Defence Minister Bansi Lal emerge from a meeting Tuesday morning in New Delhi. (AP wirephoto).

## Mrs. Gandhi resigns, opposition to elect new premier Thursday

NEW DELHI, March 22 (R). — Mrs. Indira Gandhi resigned as prime minister today, ending an era in Indian politics, and said she accepted the verdict of voters who threw out her government. Her son Sanjay, who shared personal defeat with his mother in their home constituencies, publicly apologized for his role in the stunning electoral overthrow of Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party government.

India's combined opposition parties meanwhile claimed they had mustered enough seats for the two-thirds parliamentary majority needed to reject all of Mrs. Gandhi's controversial proposals. Mrs. Gandhi today called on the acting president to submit her resignation in which she said she was bowing down to the verdict of the people.

"We accept their verdict unreservedly and in a spirit of humility," Mrs. Gandhi said. "I give my best wishes to the government that is to be formed. I hope that the secular, socialist and democratic foundations of India will be reinforced."

Mrs. Gandhi was asked by the acting president to stay on as prime minister until a new government, headed by the victorious opposition Janata (People's) Party, is sworn in. This is likely to happen on Thursday after the triumphant

## 4-nation Arab summit on Red Sea opens on theme of "peace zone"

TAIZ, North Yemen, March 22 (R). — The leaders of four Arab League countries began talks here today aimed at making the Red Sea a zone of peace, and at promoting cooperation between all the littoral states.

The presidents of Somalia, Sudan and South Yemen joined the North Yemen head of state, Ibrahim Al Hamdi, for private discussions soon after their arrival. The security of the Red Sea, which commands the Suez Canal route between Europe and Asia, has become a topical and sensitive issue in the Arab World.

At a summit meeting in Khartoum last month, Egypt, Sudan and Syria pressed ahead with plans to secure Arab domination of the region. In an obvious reference to Ethiopia, President Hamdi told

reporters that the conference here was not directed against any other country. Ethiopia has a long Red Sea coastline and is at odds with Somalia and Sudan, which it has accused of encouraging liberation movements in its eastern province of Eritrea. If the province achieved independence, Ethiopia would lose its two main ports of Assab and Massawa.

President Hamdi said: "Our aim is to make the Red Sea a zone of peace." The summit would be part of efforts to bring together all the Red Sea countries, he added. Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the French Territory of the Afars and Issa, which is due to gain independence this summer, all border the sea.

Before leaving Aden, South Yemen's President Salem Rubaye' Ali told reporters, that the summit would discuss efforts to make the Red Sea "a fortified region that cannot be affected by Zionism and imperialism."

## Sadat put off by Brezhnev's remarks

CAIRO, March 22 (Agencies). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat today weighed recent statements on the Middle East by United States and Soviet leaders and noted that Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev had failed to mention the Palestine problem. Speaking to Spanish journalists accompanying King Juan Carlos on a visit to Egypt, President Sadat referred to Mr. Brezhnev's statement in Moscow yesterday.

The Soviet leader had said that "conditions of a peaceful (Middle East) settlement can be guaranteed by the United Nations Security Council and major powers like the Soviet Union, the United States, France and Britain."

Mr. Sadat said Mr. Brezhnev's remarks were "not altogether clear". But he had found some positive and some negative aspects in what Mr. Brezhnev had said. "We have already given our point of view on this," he added, "and that will be at the centre of conversations with the American president next month in Washington."

Unlike Mr. Brezhnev, Mr. Carter has explained the standpoint of the new U.S. administration regarding the Palestine question, Mr. Sadat noted. He said he was surprised by Mr. Brezhnev's suggestion that final documents of a Geneva peace conference should provide for "freedom of navigation for all vessels of all countries in the straits of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba" as well as a declaration by Egypt on the Suez Canal.

On Egyptian-Soviet relations Mr. Sadat said they were strained but there had been no recent changes. Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi said today that the Geneva Middle East peace conference would probably reconvene within the next four months, but that a peaceful settlement was not expected this year.

Referring to yesterday's statement by Mr. Brezhnev, Mr. Fahmi said it was "positive, timely and in our interest," although some points needed clarification. He did not elaborate. In occupied Jerusalem, Israel's Foreign Ministry Director General Shlomo Avineri said

today that Israel views Mr. Brezhnev's plan for peace in the Middle East as a desperate effort by Moscow to make a comeback in the area. Briefing newsmen on Israel's reaction to the plan, Mr. Avineri said recent Soviet statements on the Middle East reflected the Soviet Union's "self-castration" in the region.

Israel saw new nuances in the plan that were absent from traditional Soviet policy, but did not feel that any basic new elements were contained in it, he said. The nuances seen here were the absence of any reference to the Palestine liberation Organization, a downgrading of the

importance of the Palestinian issue and a softening of terms when describing Israel, he added. Mr. Avineri claimed the Soviet Union today realized that it had put itself outside the picture by its one-sided policy in the Middle East, by the continued weakening of its position in the Arab World and by its breaking of diplomatic relations with Israel in 1967.

Israel was pleased at the new tone adopted by Mr. Brezhnev when speaking of Israel while presenting the plan in Moscow yesterday and felt such developments should be encouraged, he said. Israeli Arabs plan a series of peaceful demonstrations next week in memory of six Arabs killed by military forces during demonstrations over land ownership a year ago.

Spokesmen for the National Committee for the Defence of Arab Land said here today that the demonstrations would be held in four Galilee villages in which Israeli military forces opened fire on March 30 last year. Six men died and about 70 other Arabs were injured. They said the gatherings would be peaceful "as long as there is no provocation from outside -- from army or police."

Last year's demonstrations were over the legal ownership of land in Galilee. The spokesman said the Israeli government claims about 750,000 acres out of total of 900,000 acres in the area. The Arabs say that this figure has been in dispute for nearly 50 years, since the time of the British mandate. In an open letter handed to the press, the committee spokesmen referred to the "victims who fell on the Day of the Land (in 1976) as a result of the war declared by the authorities on the Arab population on that day."

They based their charge on a letter received last month from the Ministry of Defence concerning claims for compensation for injuries and damage in the Sakhnin village. They gave newsmen copies of the letter. It disclaimed responsibility, saying that a police file had been opened against some villagers and continued: "The action of the soldiers was within the framework of their legal duties, and alternatively this was a military action by the Israeli army. In each of these cases the state is not obliged to pay compensation."

The Arab spokesman said no further land had been requisitioned since last March but the formal requisition orders had been received. They said they had instructed farmers to continue working their fields pending appeals and legal clarifications.

## Israeli dockers strike

TEL AVIV, March 22 (R). — Israel's 4,500 dock workers went on strike for more pay today, paralysing the three main ports of Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat. A spokesman for the citrus board said an extended strike would cost millions of dollars and the ports authority said that it would ask the labour court for an injunction against the strikers.

The port workers, office workers as well as stevedores, are demanding an extra 600 Israeli pounds (about \$80) a month. They had a nine per cent rise four months ago but claim that it has been made meaningless by larger pay settlements in other industries.

## Ex-Rabin aide offers Ecuador anti-guerrilla services

TEL AVIV, March 22 (R). — A former security advisor of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has offered to provide Ecuador with anti-guerrilla equipment and services, the newspaper Haaretz said today. Retired army Gen. Rehavam Zeevi arrived in Ecuador several days ago with actor Haim Topol shortly after severing his links with Mr. Rabin.

They met an Ecuadorian government minister and described themselves as owners of a company specialising in anti-guerrilla equipment and advice. Haaretz reported. The minister recognised Mr. Zeevi and asked the Israeli ambassador to provide further information. A spokesman for Mr. Rabin stressed that Mr. Zeevi was not on government business.

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Global line-up?

The Soviet leader, Mr. Leonid Brezhnev, has put forth the Soviet Union's views on an Arab-Israeli peace settlement at a time when such views are welcomed as a countervailing opinion to the stream of recent comments from the United States.

Nevertheless, the Arabs have found that the Soviet Union is the only power they can turn to when they need to turn to someone who will act as a counterforce to the United States.

Moscow's Mideast peace position is rather clear, and includes a full Israeli withdrawal, formal border agreements and the establishment of a Palestinian state.

The full convergence of American and Soviet views on a Middle East peace formula still has some way to go, but it is clear from Mr. Brezhnev's remarks that the areas of agreement between the two superpowers are greater than the areas of disagreement.

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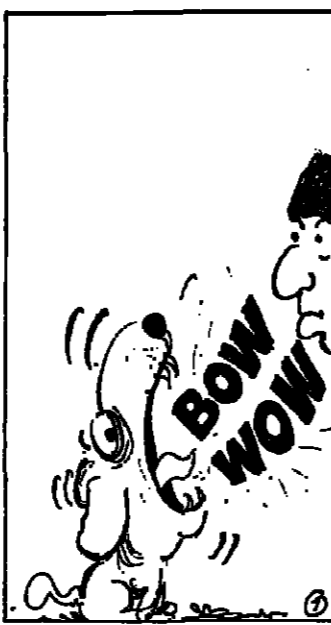
Three Jordanian dailies took up different subjects in their Tuesday editorials. While Al Rai discussed the Palestine National Council's resolutions, considered by some parties as hardline, Al Dustour assessed the achievements of the Arab League on the occasion of its 33rd anniversary, and Al Sha'b commented on Mr. Carter's declarations about the necessity for a Palestinian homeland.

AL RAI, says that if the guarantors of a Middle East peace settlement expected the Palestinians to adopt moderate positions, they should provide them with the necessary justifications to do so.

AL DUSTOUR, says that the Arab League welcomes its 33rd anniversary, with Zionist aggression at its peak, and with requirements needed to face the aggression different from those faced by the Arab body at its foundation.

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Failure to solve Sri Lanka's economic ills may hurt Freedom Party's chances in elections

Many basic industries were taken over under the Business Undertakings (Acquisition) Act of 1971. A maximum limit was imposed on incomes and a capital levy on personal wealth, and a comprehensive land reform act was rushed through before satisfactory arrangements could be made for redistributing the confiscated land.

The LSSP managed to install a high proportion of its own nominees in the management of the industries which had thus been taken over. Its final expulsion from the government resulted from an argument with Mrs. Bandaranaike over which party should oversee the tea, rubber, coconut and coffee plantations after their take-over by the state.

After the LSSP's departure the Communist Party remained in the government, with one cabinet member and a deputy minister. The C.P. continued to urge further extensions of state control.

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with her Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP). No date has yet been announced for the elections, but they must be held within four months of the dissolution of parliament, which is due to take place by May 22 at the latest.

The defection of the Communist Party and four left-wing members of Mrs. Bandaranaike's middle-of-the-road SLFP from the government has come at a time when Mrs. Bandaranaike's chances in the elections are causing her supporters some alarm.

Her difficulties have been made worse by the recent strikes in the public services. These began at the end of last year and lasted into the middle of January, affecting the railways, the docks, bus services and clerical staff in the civil service.

By withdrawing before the election campaign opens, Sri Lanka's left is thought to be disclaiming responsibility for the country's economic plight and hopes to avoid blame for the government's failure to solve economic and other problems.

Among the non-economic problems are those relating to the Tamil minority -- whose frustrations led to violent demonstrations in the north last August -- and the students. All the universities remain closed since the violent student clashes with the police on the Peradeniya campus last November, in which one student was killed.

Mrs. Bandaranaike had warned the Communist Party that it could not hope to remain in the coalition if it continued to harass the government outside, and it quit before it was sacked. The reason given for the Communist Party's departure from the government, however, is its frustration at the lack of power that it had within the coalition.

The LSSP, whose policies were acceptable to Moscow, though the party rejected direct Soviet guidance, and the Communist Party had been invited to join the SLFP government after the 1970 elections. In spite of their lack of seats, the two Marxist parties, who had gained only 19 and 6 seats respectively compared with the SLFP's 90, had some success in getting their views accepted by the government, especially in the economic field.

Psychological warfare grips impoverished northeast Thailand

NORTHEAST Thailand, March 22 (R). -- A battle is on for the hearts and minds of the villagers of this dusty province in northeastern Thailand. Some days not a shot is fired between the two adversaries -- the troops and officials of the royal Thai government and small bands of communist insurgents in the foothills of the Phu Phan mountain range.

On other occasions there are casualties. Like the irrigation department driver who was killed when he drove over a communist landmine near Na-Hoo village early this month.

Four kilometres (nearly three miles) from the same village an army patrol clashed last week with a group of guerrillas in the hills but no casualties were reported. The northeast is one of three where the government is combating an 11-year-old insurgency.

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The road, proposed by King Bhumibol Adulyadej during a visit last year, will link the villages of Bor Kaew and Sang Kaew over what was formerly a footpath.

Construction began and the road has already snaked three kilometres (nearly two miles) between the currently bone-dry ricefields.

Now the bulldozers and jeeps of troops who protect them have reached the start of the foothills where about 200 communist insurgents hold out.

Officials of the armed forces' Mobile Development Unit (M.D.U.) which is masterminding the project say they hope to finish the road, which will be nine kilometres (5 miles) long, before the end of May. They see it as a valuable link for villagers who currently have to travel a 45 kilometres (27.5 miles) round about route to take produce -- mainly rice and tapioca -- to market.

The communist guerrillas in the nearby foothills think otherwise.

Hand-written leaflets distributed locally by the 'Thai People's Liberation Army' said the road would be used for military purposes.

It would destroy the people's farms and forests, said the leaflets, just as a reservoir being built nearby with the help of the M.D.U. would flood their crops.

The leaflets urged villagers to oppose the road construction and said there would be reprisals against people who joined in the work. To government officials and armed forces officers involved in the work, the road is a genuine contribution to economic development of an extremely poor area -- and also an important element in the psychological war.

Naval Commander Yungyut Si-Upatham, in charge of the local M.D.U., said: 'The people will side with us as long as the government is helpful and useful to the villagers.'

So when the communist leaflets started circulating last month, his reply to villagers was that the road would not be used for this purpose. Local villagers were drafted to help in providing security for the construction work, alongside the army.

'The communists will not hurt local people,' Commander Yungyut told a group of visiting journalists. 'If they do, they will lose friends.'

While providing security for work-gangs and for the project, armed soldiers guard each sensitive village in this area, alongside local civilian defence volunteers -- the armed forces put politics first, military operations second, says an officer.

'We do not want to kill the insurgents,' he said. 'We would rather have them defect to the government. So the emphasis is being placed on psychological operations, not suppression.'

Apart from the road the local M.D.U. is helping villagers grow, cure and market tobacco and weave silk and cotton. Livestock breeding and artificial insemination of cows is another current programme.

It was one of the first M.D.U.'s set up in Thailand. There are units in 25 sensitive provinces doing similar work. The Kalasin unit, based at Na-Khoo, operates in two districts and covers a total of 158 villages with 150,000 people, working alongside civilian officials.

Official guidelines for M.D.U. officers and men stress the importance of the villager, the need to avoid an overbearing, high-handed approach and to be cooperative, responsible and adaptable to local needs.

'Discard any attitude that government officials are the masters, administrators, protectors or a class above the common villagers,' says the first of 20 guideline points.

How successful has the work in Kalasin been? For the local villagers, if the development projects did not exist life would be even tougher than it is already, that is very tough indeed.

Military officers say average per capita income here is only 1,500 (75 dollars) per year, one of the national average. Declaring his support for road, 58-year-old farmer told that it would make easier for him to get his due to market.

A father of seven, he produces rice worth 10,000 baht (500 dollars), much of that is to feed family. The proceeds of three tons of tapioca annu is his meagre income. The needs of the villager are simple -- water is main one, as it is through the area of northeast Thailand. The problem is especially here.

The view of the guerrilla clear -- life would be easier for them if there were roads and if there was no government development among the villagers. As for the government, it realizes that without development efforts the communists would have chance of recruiting or financing hundreds of thousands of poverty-stricken lagers.

There are a few small insurgent groups active in hills spanning Kalasin neighbouring provinces Sakon Nakhon, totalling 200 people, according to Governor Arnon Pusut. Mr. Arnon says guerilla numbers have increased.

He cites a toughening communist policy as a reason for the increase in numbers. They are now forcing villagers to join them, killing those who cooperate with the government.

According to a Bangkok army colonel, the number of incidents has not increased, but the number of incidents with army troops has. 'They have not been to bring about their revolt by political means, so have to use arms,' he said.

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# Mudar Badran visits Jordan Valley projects

AMMAN (JNA). — Prime Minister Mudar Badran and the members of his cabinet, including the Ministers of Education, Culture and Information, Communications, Agriculture and Public Works, Tuesday went on an inspection tour of a number of projects in the central Jordan Valley.

This project will also include the installation of new stations to pump water through a 350-km pipe. Most of the water will be brought from King Talal Dam and the Yarmouk River.

area and promised to do his best to back all the agricultural projects, as well as conducting a study on developing vegetable marketing and building stores for fertilisers and a canning factory through the farmers union to be backed by the government.

The third project visited was a rural development project, which aims to provide the necessary public utilities for all the villages that are planned in the Jordan Valley.

A total of 28 schools, a complex for government departments, seven small complexes, a building for social activities in Kraymeh, 300 housing units for government employees and a centre for agricultural products will be built. The cost of the project is estimated at JD 4.6 million, of which USAID will provide JD 2.6 million.

Finally, the party visited the pumping stations on the completed part of the East Ghor canal and the new diversion dam which is being constructed on the Zarqa stream. The body of the dam will be 60 metres in length and 4 metres in height. Up till now, 75 per cent of the work has been completed. The water from the dam will irrigate 15,500 dunams and will be carried through 214 kms of pipes. This project, of which 27 per cent has been completed, costs JD 2.25 million.

Premier and his party visited Husban-Kafrein irrigation project where they were met by a JVC official and the project manager.

Completed, it will irrigate 100 dunams, which will be divided into 896 units of 100 dunams each to be distributed among the farmers of the area. The sprinklers to be installed will irrigate the area with water pumped from the Kafrein Dam and Wadi Husban.

The Crown Prince briefed the delegation members on Jordan's policy of economic openness with Arab and foreign countries aimed at achieving close cooperation in economic fields.

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Premier Badran presided over a meeting at the end of his tour and stressed the point that these projects can be fully exploited if Jordan develops the capabilities of its workers. He then listened to some of the demands of the people of that area.

He said that Jordan is interested in all scientific research and modern technology, especially that concerning energy and desalination.

Premier and the minister visited the project to the East Ghor canal, which will irrigate 36,000 dunams into 980 units of 36,000 dunams each. The canal extended 18 kms -- 10 kms have already been completed -- to reach the Kafrein Dam.



Mudar Badran leads a ministerial delegation as it inspects Kafrein Dam in the Jordan Valley Tuesday. (JNA photo).

# Japanese company wins Yarmouk design contract

AMMAN (JNA). — An agreement was signed at Yarmouk University liaison office here Tuesday for a master plan of the university to be carried out by the Japanese Kanzo Tange consultant company and a Jordanian associate.

The accord was signed for Yarmouk University by Prime Minister Mudar Badran in his capacity as President of the Royal Committee for Yarmouk University, and for the consultant by its Director General Kanzo Tange and the Jordanian participant Mr. Ja'far Touqan.

## Aviation academy meet continues

AMMAN (JNA). — A committee of Arab civil aviation experts and specialists Tuesday resumed work at Casablanca in Morocco on establishing an Arab civil aviation academy.

## ARAB HOUSING BANK TO BE ESTABLISHED

AMMAN (JNA). — The second Arab housing conference has decided to set up an Arab housing bank, Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Ibrahim Ayyoub stated on his return here after the meeting ended in Baghdad Monday.

## Pen factory starts up in Irbid

IRBID (JNA). — A ball-point pen factory has started production at the industrial zone here. The manager said the plant's annual capacity is estimated at 18 million pens, or 50,000 per day. Jordan's consumption needs will be covered and the surplus exported to neighbouring Arab countries.

Mr. Ayyoub, who led a Jordanian delegation to the conference, said that Arab banks were urged to finance housing projects, encourage joint Arab investment companies specialised in housing and give housing projects the same priority given to industrial projects.

The conference will next meet in Tunis in 1978.

# Seminar on pastures opens in Morocco

RABAT, March 22 (JNA). — A seminar on pastures and animal wealth in the drylands opened here today.

He expressed the hope that the seminar would be an opportunity for an exchange of expertise and the adoption of a unified plan for the study, financing and implementation of pasture projects within the framework of Arab economic integration.

The Moroccan News Agency said the week-long seminar, organised by the Arab Centre for the Study of Dry Regions and Arid Territories, is being attended by experts from 12 Arab countries, as well as from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation and the U.N. Environment Programme.

The director of Morocco's Al Nawasser International Airport, who was elected chairman of the meeting, stressed the need to raise the academy project with the Euro-Arab dialogue committee.

The Moroccan Minister of Farming and Agricultural Reform, Mr. Saleh Al Mezaily, who presided over the opening session, underlined the importance of the seminar at a time when the world is suffering food shortages. He said the shortage in most animal products has resulted in rapid price increases, which have prompted many countries to take urgent measures to fulfil people's needs.

He has already visited Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

## Joint c'ttee on agriculture meets Saturday

DAMASCUS, March 22 (JNA). — The Joint Jordanian-Syrian Agriculture Committee will meet here next Saturday to study and debate what has been achieved by the agricultural sub-committees. This will then be submitted to the joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee at its meeting next month in Amman.

## Education team returns from Oman

AMMAN (JNA). — A Jordanian education delegation Tuesday returned here from a four-day visit to Oman at the invitation of the Omani Minister of Education Ahmad Al Ghazali.

Jordanian Minister of Agriculture Salah Jum'a is expected in Damascus Saturday to lead his country's delegation to the meeting.

Dr. Al Farhan said that committees will be formed for this purpose from the Ministry of Education and the Universities of Jordan and Yarmouk.

Meanwhile, the Committee for the Unification of Investment Laws will meet in Damascus at the end of March to study the unified law between the two countries.

## ROCKEFELLER ARRIVES FOR SHORT VISIT

AMMAN (R). — Former United States Vice President Nelson Rockefeller arrived here Tuesday on a visit to Jordan that will last several days.

During his visit, Mr. Rockefeller will meet King Hussein and other senior officials.

He has already visited Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

## FIRE GUTS SPONGE FACTORY

AMMAN (R). — Fire gutted a sponge factory near Amman Monday night and losses are estimated at about JD 1 million, the local press reported today.

The blaze, which lasted two hours before it was put out, was caused by a short circuit, they said.

The owner of the factory, located in the industrial area of Awajan, 11 kms east of here, was quoted as saying that the entire stock of sponges was burnt and the building destroyed.

This is the second sponge factory destroyed by fire in Jordan in less than a year.

## NATIONAL NOTES

\* AMMAN. — His Majesty King Hussein sent a cable of good wishes to Pakistani President Fazl Elahi Chaudhry on the occasion of Pakistan's national day Tuesday.

\* AMMAN. — The Amman Chamber of Industry Tuesday received an invitation from the Arab-Swiss Chamber of Industry and Commerce to attend its general assembly in Geneva on Friday. It was also invited to attend an international festival on foodstuffs and their production equipment in Greece April 17-24.

\* IRBID. — Directors of Irbid's voluntary associations met here Tuesday to study questions related to child care. Their ideas will be presented at a seminar to be held in early April under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Basma.

\* AMMAN. — Interior Minister Suleiman Arar presided over a meeting here Tuesday to discuss programme arrangements for His Majesty King Hussein's Silver Jubilee and reviewed a number of public security issues.

## Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

U.K. sterling	572.0	578.0
U.S. dollar	332.0	334.0
German mark	139.4	139.8
French franc	66.8	67.1
Swiss franc	130.8	131.2
Italian lira (for every 100)	37.5	37.7
Saudi riyal	53.8	54.2
Lebanese pound	109.6	110.2
Syrian pound	82.0	82.3
Iraqi dinar	945.0	952.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1,150.0	1,155.0
Egyptian pound	472.0	478.0
Libyan dinar	800.0	820.0
UAE dirham	84.8	85.5

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BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
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Neither vulnerable. East deals.

**NORTH**  
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 ♥ 753  
 ♦ QJ4  
 ♣ J8

**EAST**  
 ♠ QJ1085  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ AK9872  
 ♣ 9432

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 3  
 ♥ QJ10862  
 ♦ 65  
 ♣ AKQ10

The bidding:  
 West North  
 1 1 2  
 3 3 Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠.

Careful defense usually requires partnership cooperation. Watch what happens when two thoughtful defenders combine their efforts against a seemingly pregame contract.

West's bid might not meet with approval in all quarters, but if West did not get in the auction immediately, the partnership's ability to compete might be impaired. He bid certainly caused problems for North, who stilled for a raise of his partner's overall.

Sitting East-West were two Jersey stars Lester Sokolower and Barbara Tepper. Ms. Tepper led the suit of her partner's suit, ruffed by the jack and won the king. Sokolower took the lead to study the situation, although he held a tenace

position over dummy's queen of diamonds, it was obvious that declarer had at least one discard coming to him on a high spade from dummy.

So rather than try to reach partner for another diamond lead through and run the risk of having declarer sluff

his remaining diamond, Sokolower elected to continue with the ace of diamonds and another.

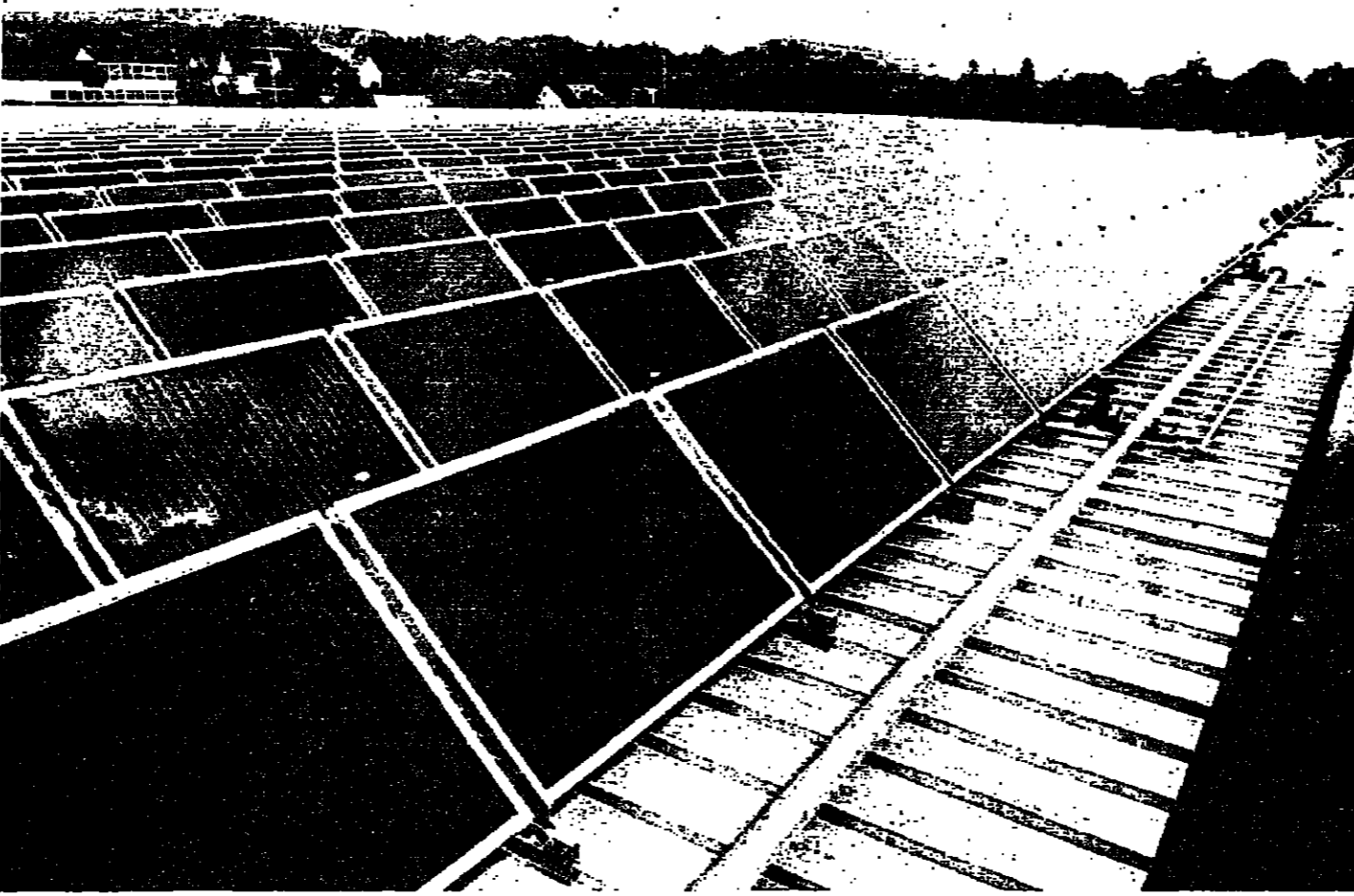
Since it was likely that East held a six-card suit, de-

clarer took the precaution of ruffing high. An overruff by West would have made declarer's life easy, but West rose to the occasion by discarding a club.

Next, it was declarer's turn to show good technique. He crossed to dummy with the jack of clubs to lead a trump. East perforce won the ace, and found the killing return to defeat the contract. He continued with another diamond.

Declarer was helpless. If he ruffed low, West would overruff with the nine and score the king of trumps for the setting trick. But ruffing high was no better, for West would shed another club and her K-9 of trumps would then be poised over declarer's Q-8 to assure two more tricks for the defense.

## THE PAGE FIVE FEATURE PHOTO



THE SUN AS ENERGY PROVIDER -- Dr. Ulf Bossel, the president of the German Society for Solar Energy, feels it is perfectly feasible for solar energy to provide some 11 per cent of the heat requirements by the year 2000. The scientist expects some 5,000 orders for solar heating systems to be received this year. Some 250 such heating systems were installed in 1976, the largest of them in an open-air swimming pool (see photo). The system's 11,000 solar collectors provide a pleasant water temperature even on cool days.

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1977

## Your Daily HOROSCOPE

from the CARROLL RIGHTER INSTITUTE

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** Today brings some difficulties with details that require more than usual care on your part. Practical interests move smoothly and you are able to get much accomplished.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Make plans that will bring you more abundance in the future. Don't forget to pay an important bill, either. Others can be of real assistance to you where it counts the most.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Plan how to improve your personal affairs. Get some business matter well handled. Enjoy good friends in the evening.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** You find it difficult to decide what to do about a problem that has been bothering you. Later you get a clear picture and are able to solve it.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Some friends could disappoint you, but others could easily be very helpful and enjoyable. Avoid a troublemaker.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Don't neglect important civic duties: now; later you reap the benefits. Show more affection for family and be happy.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Contact new acquaintances who have the information you need at this time, but be diplomatic in extracting it from them. Come to right decisions where expansion is concerned.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Use up-to-date methods to handle responsibilities you have been putting off for too long. Show more consideration for a loved one.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Keep your part of any agreements you have made and plan how you can expand. Take time to see loved ones you have been neglecting.

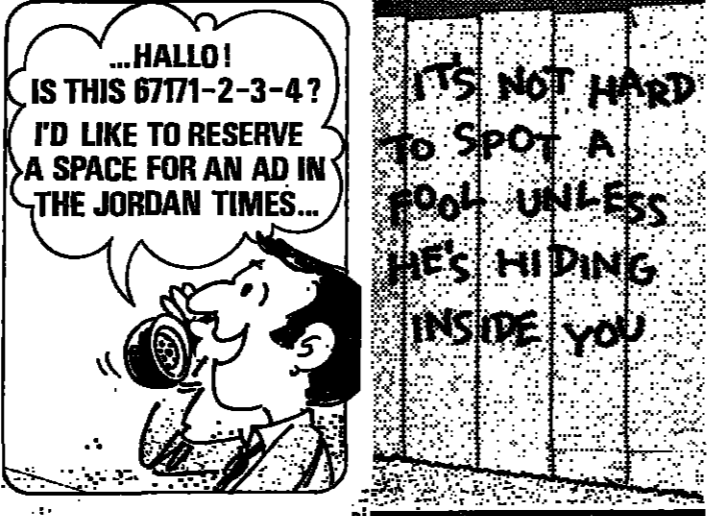
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Plan to work more on projects that have not proved too successful and they work out to your advantage. Try to cooperate more with co-workers and you get better results with them.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Make plans for future festive occasions with those whose company you enjoy. Put your finest skills to work and accomplish much.

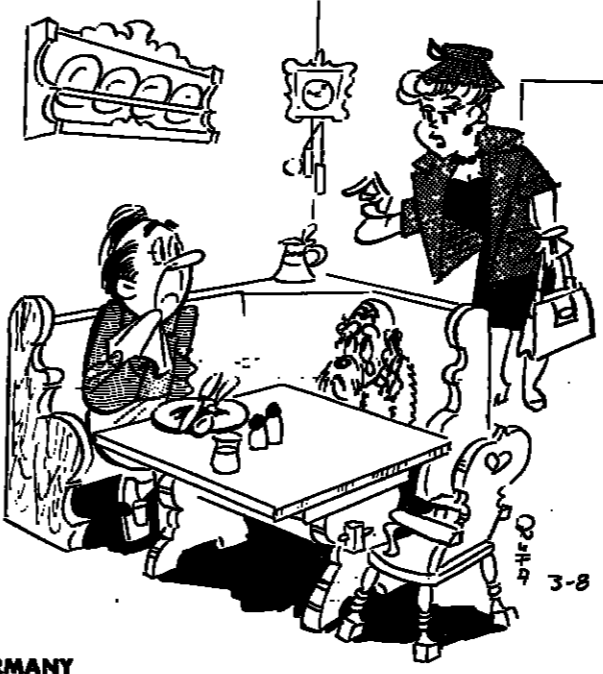
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Get the okay of kin for new changes you want to make at home that will make it more functional. Avoid strangers today as you are in an argumentative mood.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Don't delay in going after aims that mean the most to you and you get right results. Take time to enjoy the company of good friends.

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### JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Incramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

**PAUNC**  
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**NICEW**  
 □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

**YERFIN**  
 □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

**COYJEK**  
 □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

Print answer here: A "□-□□□-□□□" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TWEET JOUST FORMAL GENUS  
 Answer: Responsible for laughter in the court—THE JESTER

### TONIGHT'S T.V. FEATURE

MYSTERY MOVIE: PHILIPS GAME

A woman hires killer to murder McMillan who caused her financial loss when he prodded the police department to purchase a piece of land she owned.

### LUCY SHOW: LUCY SAVES MILTON BERLE

Lucy tries to save vagabond by taking him home and lecturing him.

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ACROSS: 29. Seizure; 31. Small swallow; 33. Bossy; 34. Jumble; 36. Cucumber; 38. Puffer; 42. Altar screen; 45. Counter-tenor; 46. Textile screw; 47. Playwright; 48. Handsome monkey; 49. Reddish-brown; 50. Divot; 51. Baby carriage.

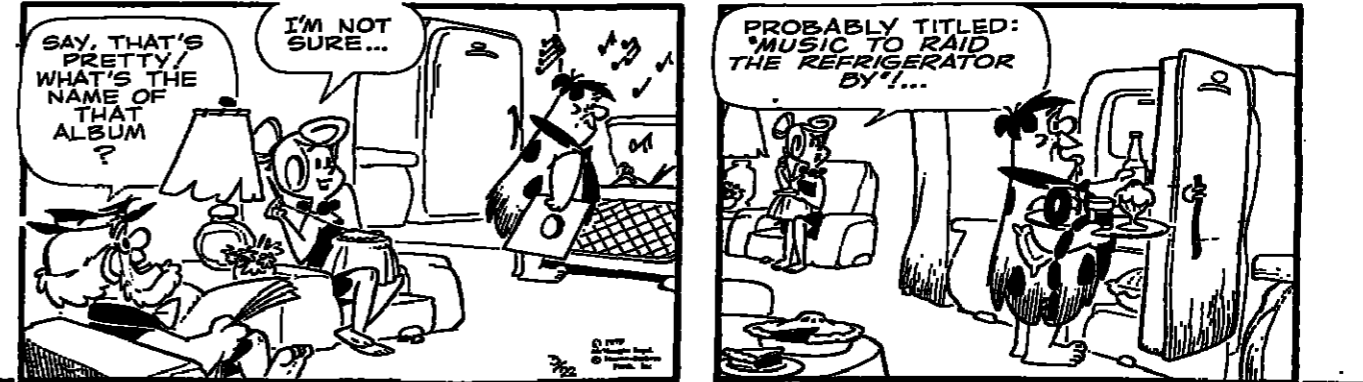
DOWN: 4. Phantom; 5. Sportsmen; 6. Bread spread; 7. Moves with violence; 8. Paper money of South Korea; 9. Haslen; 10. Experienced; 11. Defendant; 18. Girl's name; 21. Unmarried man; 22. Conceit; 23. Makshrit; 24. Grampus; 25. Cheer; 27. Maltreated; 30. Symbol of innocence; 32. Leaf of the betel; 35. Strawberry and chocolate; 37. Indicate approval; 39. Timber wolf; 40. Chemist's lamp; 41. Prowl; 42. Mortar beater; 43. Epoch; 44. Skate.

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### PEANUTS



### THE FLINTSTONES



### MUTTI AND JEFF



### Callaghan ponders secret offer from Liberal Party

LONDON, March 22 (R). — On the eve of a parliamentary battle which must bring down the Labour government unless it finds allies, British Prime Minister James Callaghan today pondered a secret offer from the small Liberal Party. The contents of a letter delivered this morning from Liberal leader David Steel were not revealed by spokesmen at the premier's official residence in Downing Street.

### Kosygin starts Finland visit

HELSINKI, March 22 (AFP). — Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin today began a five-day "friendship visit" to Finland, to continue regular contacts between leaders of the Soviet Union and Finland. Topical international issues connected with the forthcoming Belgrade review of the Helsinki security conference as well as the economic cooperation between Finland and the Soviet Union were expected to dominate the talks.



AGENT IN GREECE — Five Britons, sentenced to ten months imprisonment each for spying on Greek military airports, are flanked by police officers in court in Athens Friday as they listen to the verdict. They are from left to right: Christopher Taylor, Kieran Pilbeam, Christopher Knott, Roy Struges and Timothy Spearman. (AP wirephoto).

### France breaks up a spy-ring dealing with a foreign power

PARIS, March 22 (R). — France's counter-espionage service announced tonight that it had broken up a spy-ring which had passed French and NATO defence secrets to an unnamed foreign power over a 14-year period. The Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST) said three Frenchmen and Italian had been charged tonight with communicating with agents of a foreign power.

### Carter proposes U.N. Security Council permanent seat for Japan

WASHINGTON, March 22 (R). — U.S. President Carter last night proposed that Japan be given a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council. At the same time, he pledged that the United States would never again bypass Japan in foreign policy initiatives.

### Nguabi's murder blamed on "power-hungry" politicians

BRAZZAVILLE, March 21 (AFP). — Last Friday's murder of Congolese President Marien Nguabi was a political assassination masterminded by "power-hungry" politicians, a communiqué of the ruling Congolese Labour Party's (CLP) Military Investigative Committee reported today.

### Greece, Turkey continue naval exercises

ATHENS, March 22 (R). — Greek and Turkish naval and air force units continued separate exercises in different parts of the Aegean today.

### Zaire president says invaders led by Cuban

KINSHASA, March 22 (AFP). — Katangese troops who are invading the southwest corner of Zaire's Shaba Province are definitely led by Cubans however loudly Cuban Premier Fidel Castro might deny it, President Mobutu Sese Seko said here today.

### Toronto fan of Idi Amin surrenders to police

TORONTO, March 22 (R). — A gunman who held four hostages in a bank here today demanding to be flown to Uganda to see President Idi Amin and join his army surrendered tonight, police said.

### Are there disloyal trading practices behind U.S. trade deficit with Japan?

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AFP). — Japan's Premier Takeo Fukuda, who arrived here yesterday for two days of talks with President Carter, might be faced with a number of tricky questions today on Japanese-American trade.

### WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

\* TRIPOLI, March 22 (AFP). — Mrs. Imelda Marcos, wife and special envoy of the Philippines president, left here today after a 10-day visit. Tripoli Radio reported. Mrs. Marcos flew here for talks with Libyan leader Col. Moamer Qadhafi after the Libyan-sponsored talks between the Philippines government and Moslem secessionists in the southern Philippines broke down.

### ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS NEWS

#### 5 African nations launch "African unity's road"

ALGIERS, March 22 (AFP). — By 1980, motorists will be able to drive from here to Agades, Niger and to the Malian city of Gao at a top speed of 120 kms an hour when construction of the Transaharan Highway which began here in 1971, is completed.

#### Gulf states to form unified aviation co.

KUWAIT, March 22 (R). — Five Gulf Ministers have recommended setting up a higher council for civil aviation to develop air services in their countries, it was officially announced here.

#### \$ falls to lowest rate against yen

TOKYO, March 22 (R). — The United States dollar fell to its lowest rate against the yen in almost three years on the Tokyo foreign exchange market today.

#### ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

\* HONG KONG, March 22 (R). — China and Egypt signed three-year trade agreements in Peking today, the New China News Agency reported. The agency said the agreements were signed by Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade, Chen Chien, and the Egyptian First Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Trade and Supply, Dr. Saleh Ibrahim Toulan.

#### WALL STREET REPORT

Prices showed a moderate loss Tuesday on the New York stock exchange, where the industrial average was off more than two points in low trading.

#### LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market turned firm Tuesday as operators speculated on possible Liberal Party support for the government in tomorrow's census vote in parliament, dealers said. Overall trading was light and at 15:00 the F.T. index was up 8.2 at 422.6.

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